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No. I Periyar Division
[Peri]yar dated 16th November 19[..]

From
[A]. Pears Esquire
[..] Superintendent of Works
No. I Periyar Division.
Periyar

To
[The] Chief Engineer
[P]ublic Works Department
Madras.

Sir,
In c[on]tinuation of my No: 168.[..]
dated 6th Inst. I have the honor to sugges[t]
that when t[he] transfer of the camps
to British [ma]gisterial & police juris-
-diction is eff[ect]ed, a British Medical
officer should [be] appointed to combine
the magisteri[al] & the medical Super-
-vision of th[e c]amps. Of the three
possible cour[ses to] be adopted, viz. (1) to
place the cam[ps] under the Uttamapolien
Deputy Tah[sil]dar, (2) to confer magiste[rial]

magisterial powers, [torn] the P. W.
officers, (3) to appoin[torn] [se]parate magistra[te]
the first two are open to [torn] us objections
which Government are [torn] ty sure to
consider insuperable. T[torn] there is an
objection to the 3rd (and [o]therwise the
best) alternative, viz. [tha]t there is not
enough work to occupy [any]thing like the
whole time of a Separa[te] Magistrate.
The amount of crime [in] the camp is
actually small though [at] present great[ly]
magnified by the inc[on]venience of
prosecuting it, & were a [m]agistrate Statione[d]
here two hours a day w[oul]d very easily
see him through the w[hol]e of his
magisterial work. The [a]ppointment of
a British Medical Of[fic]er with magister[ial]
powers would not on[ly g]et over this
objection, but would [also] be a great
benefit in at least th[e o]ther ways.

of the camps should [illegible] off his shoulders.

2. The extra expense [illegible]olved would not be great, for the Service of the apothecary would not be needed, [illegible] the pay of a Surgeon of say, 6 to 10 yea[rs s]tanding, would not be very much greater th[an] the pay of a [T]ahsildar and of the ap[othec]ary combined. We already pay for Police [wh]en they are stationed here a further Savi[ng c]an be effected by dispensing with the p[rese]nt camp guards.

3. I trust that you w[ill] approve of this suggestion, and be a[ble] to lay it before Government for Sa[ncti]on.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Y[our] most obedient Ser[vant]

S. D. Pears

Ag [Sup]erintendent of Wor[ks]
No I Periyar Div[n]

In the fir[...]ce it would greatly increase the [eff]iciency of the conservancy & Sanitatio[n ar]rangements, a matter of Special i[mpor]tance in a climate, So notoriously [un]wholesome as this. We are fortunate [i]n having a very good apothecary a[t p]resent, but we have not been so in th[e p]ast & can hardly expect to be so in th[e f]uture, & even as it is there is a very grea[t d]eal of room for improve-ment in S[ani]tation. In the Second place it woul[d] be a relief to the District Surgeon of M[...]ra. This is a most in-conveniently [s]ituated hospital for him to inspect; & [he] would also be relieved of a certain a[mo]unt of office work, journal indents, & ordi[nar]y correspondence. And in the third p[lace] it would be a very great, & I th[ink] desirable, relief to the Superintenden[t of] works that the Conservancy

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 20th Novr. 1891.

Letter from the Supdt. of Works No. I Divn. Periyar Project No. 177 C.E. of 16 Novr. 1891.

Note by the Chief Engineer, P. W. Dept. of 20 Novr. 1891.

Referred to the Political Department in continuation of Endorsement No. 4965C dated 11th November 1891.

[signature]

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

P. W. CURRENT No. 12/82

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From,

The Supt. of works
No. I Periyar Dn.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D

No. 177. C.E.

Dated 16: November/91

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Suggests for reasons given in, that a British Medical Officer may be ap-pointed to combine the magisterial and the medical super-

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Note by the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department

Letter from the Supt. [illegible] Works, No. I Divn. Periyar Project Works

No. 177 Cl. of 16 Nov. 1891.

The [illegible]dersigned approves of the suggestion [illegible]hat if possible a commissioned medical offi[illegible]r should be posted to the Periyar work[illegible] and given magisterial powers, an[illegible] would be glad to see it adopted.

The o[illegible]jections to placing magisteria[l] work in the[illegible] hands of the officers of the Project are in the opinion of the undersigne[illegible], overwhelming, and as pointed ou[illegible] by the Superintendent of Works t[illegible] work is hardly sufficient to occupy t[illegible] whole time of a special magistrat[illegible]

[illegible] other hand, the[illegible]

advantage of ~~being~~ having a Commissioned medical officer on the spot would be very great, there is at times a great deal of sickness, and serious accidents occasionally occur.

The distance of the camp from Madura renders inspection by the District Surgeon infrequent, and there is no doubt that the management of the hospital has suffered from this cause.

The expense will probably be rather more than the Superintendent of Works contemplates, but the object is worth the cost.

[illegible]
Colonel R.E.,
Chief Engineer Public Works Dept.

Madras
20 Nov. 1891.

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Political DEPARTMENT.

From The P. W. Deptt:

No. 5176 C

Dated 20 } November 91.
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SUBJECT.

Referring to the Poll. Dept. Note by [the] Chief Engineer P. W. D. approving the suggestion of the Supdt: of Periyar [Wo]rks that a commissioned Medical [Of]ficer should be posted to the works & [g]iven Magisterial powers.

P. M. Cht. 1328

For orders.

As soon as the agreement is signed by the Travancore Govt. action can be taken on this. Meantime, the Surgeon Genl. may be consulted as to the possibility of posting a Commissioned Medical Officer.

The question of investing such an officer with magisterial powers will not arise until one is appointed.

M. E. F. 23/11

The difficulty would be if a Medl. Officer is appointed to find one fit to exercise magisterial powers. He could in any case have only 3d. Class - Any 2d. Class case would therefore have to go to some other Magte.

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The suggestion seems to me unpractical & it would be much cheaper to send a Special second class native Magte. for the 8 or 9 months each year & to keep on the apothecary. The matter may however lie over till the jurisdiction question is settled.

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Ordering that their papers regarding the appointment of a Commissioned Medical officer to the Periyar Camps with magisterial powers lie over pending the settlement of the question re jurisdiction over the site of these Camps